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SUBJ: CALL BY AFGHAN AMBASSADOR

1. AFGHAN AMBASSADOR, GENERAL MUSTAGHNI, PAID "RETURN" COURTESY CALL ON ME MORNING MAY 15.
2. MUSTAGHNI WAS REASONABLY FRANK BUT HAS PRESUMABLY NOT YET DECIDED WHAT, IF ANYTHING, HE WILL DO IN WAKE OF COUP IN HIS COUNTRY. HE SAYS HE HAS HEARD LITTLE FROM KABUL AND SPECIFICALLY SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN RECALLED.
3. HE CHARACTERIZED NEW GOVERNMENT AS ENTIRELY LEFTIST. ITS CLAIM THAT ONLY 72 PEOPLE KILLED DURING COUP HE DESCRIBED AS REDICULOUS. IN ADDITION MANY HAVE BEEN THROWN IN JAIL. HE INTIMATED THAT ONE OF THESE ALTERNATIVES WOULD PROBABLY BE HIS FATE SHOULD HE RETURN.
4. MUSTAGHNI WAS RELUCTANT TO SPECULATE ON THE FUTURE. HE CASTIGATED THE NEW GOVERNMENT BUT SEEMED TO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ABLE, BY VARIOUS METHODS, TO CONSOLIDATE ITS POWER AT LEAST

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TEMPORARILY. AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IS THE RELATIVE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE AND SOPHISTICATION AMONG AFGHAN POPULATION WHICH POTENTIAL OPPOSITION COULD PROBABLY NOT OVERCOME IN SHORT TIME. HOWEVER HE ANTICIPATED THAT EVENTUALLY OPPOSITION WOULD COME FROM RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND PARTS OF ARMY WHICH DID NOT APPROVE OF NEW GOVERNMENT AND WHICH WERE NOT PURGED FROM RANKS.

5. MUSTAGHNI SEEMED TO THINK NEW REGIME WOULD BE ABLE PRESERVE NOMINAL NON-ALIGNED POSITION OVER SHORT TERM BUT ITS DEPENDENCE ON USSR WOULD BECOME INCREASINGLY APPARENT. INTERESTINGLY HE DOES NOT EXPECT NEW GOVERNMENT TO UPSET CURRENT QUIESCENCE OF PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE IN NEAR FUTURE. HE THOUGHT IRAN WOULD BE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION AND ALSO SUGGESTED CONSERVATIVE ARABS, I.E. SAUDI ARABIA, WOULD FIND "LEFTIST" TAKEOVER IN STRONGLY MOSLEM AFGHANISTAN DIFFICULT TO SWALLOW.

6. HE DESCRIBED NO. TWO MAN, PRESUMABLY KARMAL, AS "FRIEND" IN THE PAST. QADIR, THE NEW DEFENSE MINISTER, HE SAID WAS INORDINATELY AMBITIOUS TO BE NUMBER ONE. HE (MUSTAGHNI) HAD SHUNTED HIM INTO INNOCUOUS POSITION AFTER DAOUD COUP IN 1973.

7. IN A PERSONAL SENSE MUSTAGHNI MAY BE AT LEAST TEMPORARILY INHIBITED FROM DECIDING ON HIS OWN FUTURE UNTIL (1) HE HAS CLEARER IDEA OF WHETHER NEW REGIME WILL LET HIM REMAIN HERE AND (2), THE FATE OF HIS FAMILY WHICH IS ALL RIGHT NOW. HIS WIFE, OLDEST SON, AN ARMY MAJOR, HAD JUST RETURNED FROM INDIAN STAFF COLLEGE, SECOND SON "IN MEDICINE" AND DAUGHTER, A TEACHER, ARE ALL IN AFGHANISTAN. HIS YOUNGEST SON, 19, WHO HAS JUST COMPLETED SCHOOL IN KABUL, LEFT FIVE DAYS AFTER COUP VIA MOSCOW, VISITED HIS FATHER HERE AND HAS NOW GONE ON TO U.S. TO STAY WITH FRIENDS BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT TO LIVE IN "SOCIALIST" COUNTRY.

8. MUSTAGHNI SAID THAT, AFTER HIS ARRIVAL HERE, HE HAD WRITTEN  
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SEVERAL CRITICAL LETTERS BACK TO KABUL, PERHAPS TO DAOUD HIMSELF, IN WHICH MUSTAGHNI POINTED OUT THE POTENTIAL FOR WHAT NOW HAS INDEED HAPPENED. HE SUSPECTS THAT THESE LETTERS MAY BE IN HANDS OF NEW GOVERNMENT.

9. MUSTAGHNI ALSO SAID HE HAD ALREADY BEEN INVITED BY "BUSINESS" FRIENDS IN HAMBURG TO TAKE "MEDICAL LEAVE" THERE WHICH HE MIGHT DO IF NECESSARY.

10. OTHER THAN SAYING THAT I REALIZED HE WAS IN DIFFICULT POSITION I MERELY OFFERED -- AND REPEATED ONCE -- THAT IF I COULD BE OF ANY APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE I WOULD TRY TO DO SO. HE THANKED ME BUT DID NOT EVEN IMPLY THAT HE MIGHT TAKE ME UP ON IT.  
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